

House Resolution No. 3561

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Frank Viverito recently enhanced his already impressive record of accomplishment when he was selected to receive a 2008 Missourian Award by the American Heart Association at a special ceremony to be held on September 27, 2008; and

Whereas, Frank Viverito is the President of the St. Louis Sports Commission, a privately funded nonprofit organization that benefits the St. Louis region by attracting, creating and managing major sporting events to the community; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Frank Viverito, the St. Louis Sports Commission has attracted the 2008 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, Missouri-Illinois Football Series, 2007 NCAA Men's Frozen Four, 2007 NCAA Men's Basketball St. Louis Regional, 2006 NCAA Men's Soccer College Cup, 2006 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, 2005 NCAA Men's Final Four, 2004 Athens Olympic Torch Relay & St. Louis' Olympic Centennial Celebration, 2004 U.S. Olympic Diving Trials, 2004 Olympic Women's Marathon Trials, 2001 NCAA Women's Final Four, and the 2000 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, among many other national competitions; and

Whereas, Frank Viverito is the proud husband of Patty Viverito, and they are the proud parents of Greg Viverito and Matt Viverito; and

Whereas, Missourian Awards nominees have made an outstanding contribution to the state or nation in the areas of civics, business, education, politics, or the arts by dedicating their lives to improving the quality of life in this state through diligent work and charitable ideals; and

Whereas, past Missourian Awards winners have included George Washington Carver, General Omar Bradley, Thomas Hart Benton, Walter Cronkite, President Harry S Truman, General John J. Pershing, Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, and Walt Disney; and

Whereas, established by Springfield businessman Ralph Slavens and his late wife in 1994, Missourian Awards have been presented annually for fifteen years by the American Heart Association to acknowledge the most accomplished citizens of the state of Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the well-deserved selection of Frank Viverito for a 2008 Missourian Award from the American Heart Association; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Frank Viverito.

Offered by _____
Representative Maria N. Chappelle-Nadal
District No. 72

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3561, adopted July 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker